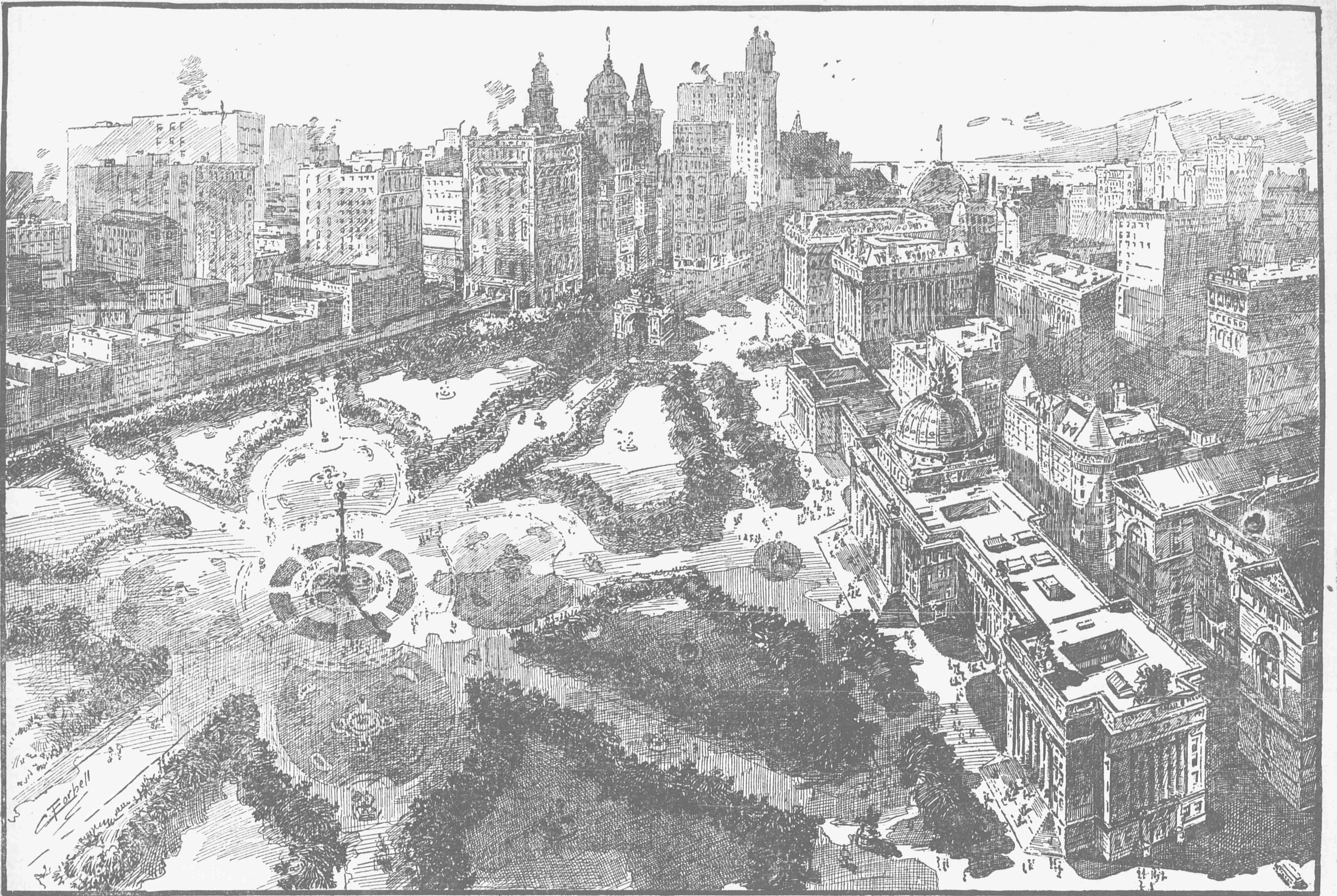


COMPTROLLER METZ COMES OUT IN FAVOR OF THE PARK IN CHINATOWN

PARK ROW LINE OF PARK. NEW TERMINAL OF BRIDGE. PULITZER BUILDING. PARK ROW BUILDING. HALL OF RECORDS.



PARK ON SITE OF OLD ROOKERIES ON GROUND MOST OF WHICH IS NOW CONDEMNED BY THE CITY.

PROPOSED NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING.

THE TOMBS.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Jacob Riis, Practical in Such Matters, Also Indorses the Scheme to Convert the Slums Into a Fine Breathing Place.

Comptroller Metz has had a great fight down upon him in connection with the Evening World's suggestion to tear down the dives and hovels of Chinatown and convert the space into a park. This would be practically an extension of Mulberry Bend Park, and in connection with the big bridge terminal and the demolition of the old rookeries a couple of blocks down Park Row there would be presented to New Yorkers a fine breathing place, as well as an artistic monument to good taste and good sense.

The Comptroller has been over the ground, and to-day he is an out-and-out advocate of the park plan. Nobody of decent standing in the community has been found to oppose it, except some of the political wire-pullers in the district affected. Already some of these men have been feeling their way to see how such opposition will be met. Some of them approached Comptroller Metz when it was stated that he intended endorsing the plan, and asked him to oppose it. They suggested the same old fallacy that was used to oppose the tearing down of Mulberry Bend, "Where will we put these people?"

The Comptroller answered frankly that he did not know and then spent nearly a whole day down there, looking the situation over. When he got through he had his answer ready. "I find," said Mr. Metz, "that there are only about 1,200 Chinese in the district out of over 14,000 Chinamen in New York. The whole 12,800 outside of Chinatown give no trouble to the authorities, while the 1,200 or less in Chinatown are a constant menace to the community. I find that the white gangs of Chinatown cause more trouble than all the other organized criminals in the city. I find that women are kept there in slavery of body and soul, and

that all this ulcer of crime and vice is constantly exploited as a show-place.

Scatter the Dives, Says Metz.

"I have looked into the history of such things and I find that these dives are better controlled and regulated when they are not all huddled together in such surroundings. They cannot exist outside of the old rookeries that furnish them with the sort of setting that they need, and if they could, I would just say, drive them out. "Force them into sanitary surroundings, and modern houses, where they can be watched, and, if necessary, dealt with singly and closed up, as Paul Kelley's dive was closed when it became too bad to be tolerated. If that place had been in Chinatown, the murder that resulted in closing it would have attracted little attention, and at most would have raised simply as 'another Chinatown murder' and would have been dismissed with little else than a mild rebuke and toleration. Crime seems to be licensed in Chinatown, and the place must go."

Mr. Metz voiced the sentiment of all good people. The dives cannot exist if their dens are torn down. They will not simply move somewhere else but continue to operate. They will be disorganized and cease to exist, or, if not, they will find a domicile where they will be under the eyes of thousands of honest people.

Indorsed by Jacob A. Riis.

Among the hundreds of indorsements which have come to The Evening World supporting the proposition to create a Chinatown Park is one from Jacob A. Riis, the author and journalist. He was prominently identified with the movement that resulted in establishing Mulberry Bend Park, which took the place of slums very similar to those now known as Chinatown. The result of tearing down the rookeries and filling up the cellars and burrows of Mulberry Bend is the

SPOT SHOULD BE ERADICATED AT ANY COST, SAYS THE COMPTROLLER.

By HERMAN A. METZ, Comptroller of Greater New York.

I spent a large part of a day in the district embracing Chinatown and looked over the entire situation there. I'm in favor of The Evening World's proposition to wipe out that horrible slum.

It is an ulcer which should be eradicated at any cost. It stands as a blot and disgrace on our civilization, and must be done away with.

Not only is it necessary for the city to get rid of the filthy plague spot, but the space is needed. Improvement of the city demands it. Aside from the question of money to apply to the purpose, I cannot see a single valid objection, and the cost appears to be insignificant compared with the benefit to be derived from the expenditure.

WIPE OUT THE OLD CHINATOWN, IS THE CRY OF JACOB A. RIIS.

To the Editor of The Evening World: Wipe out the Chinatown slum. I shall be glad to see you do it. JACOB A. RIIS.

strongest of all arguments in favor of that method of dealing with such places. Mulberry Bend was no worse than Chinatown. It had the same blind alleys and back courts, its underground passageways and stale beer and opium joints were just such shelter as was needed by criminals, and they harbored the three gangs that made the Five Points the most infamous spot on the American continent, and hung the name up forever as the synonym for organized crime.

When the Bend was torn down and Mulberry's Alley, Slaughter Pen Court, Suicide's Tree Court, and all the rest, were raked and thrown open to the sunshine, the gangs became impossible and vanished. Their places were not taken by other gangs, and their members did not simply shift to other localities and resume their criminal operations. The organization of gangs of that sort is too loose for such coherence. One exception was the Salter gang. That was one of the best organized, and when the Bend was torn down it followed its leader to Chinatown and now has its headquarters in Pell street. Three other gangs have their headquarters in the saloons and dives of the district. The old Dutch Rabbit gang is hardly ever heard of, but it

has its headquarters in Doyers street. Its members are thugs and thieves and worse. Most of the murders which have been committed in the district are traceable to this gang or to the "Salters." A gang of organized burglars and strong-arm men has its headquarters in Mott street. The place is a saloon.

ACTRESSES TRY SUICIDE.

Two, Disguised with Profession, Seek Death by Gas and Bullet. ST. PAUL, March 12.—Katie Ransome and Mattie Lorraine, actresses, are at the City Hospital in a critical condition. The former is suffering from a bullet wound in the left breast, and the latter is suffering from gas poisoning. Both say they were disgusted with the theatrical business, and it is said, planned to end their lives.

Sunday World Wants Work Monday Wonders

MRS. VALENTINA LOSES ON APPEAL

High Federal Court Denies Habeas Corpus to the Condemned Woman.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Supreme Court of the United States to-day refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Anna Valentina, the Italian woman who is under sentence of death at Hockensack, N. J., on the charge of murder in that city in 1904, thus affirming the decision of the Circuit Court.

\$2,000,000 IN GOLD COMING FROM ENGLAND.

Information reached Wall street to-day that about \$2,000,000 in gold bars has been engaged for shipment to this country. The yellow metal, it is said, has been diverted from the London market and comes from South Africa. It is reported that the shipment was arranged by the National City Bank of this city.

WENT TOO FAST TO NOTICE.

Auto Speeder Thought He Had Passed Through the State.

Nelson S. Riley, of No. 499 Fifth avenue, was arraigned in the Morrisania Court to-day and held in \$200 bail for trial on a charge of oversteering his automobile yesterday afternoon. Motorcycle Cop Dillon, the champion auto catcher of the Bronx, arrested Riley when his big touring car was reeling off twenty-five miles an hour at Pelham Parkway and the East Chester road. Mrs. Riley was with her husband when he was arrested. "What excuse have you to offer?" asked Magistrate Whitman of the defendant. The autoist stammered something that was inaudible and then blurted out: "Your Honor, I thought I had passed the Bronx and was in Connecticut." "Where?" whistled the Court. "But you certainly are a speeder. I will have to hold you for trial."

Pardon Tillinghast!

TO GOV. FRANK W. HIGGINS:

I respectfully request that you pardon William H. Tillinghast, whose confession exposed the Metropolitan Street Railway Company's iniquitous methods of jury-fixing and who was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in Blackwell's Island penitentiary for impersonating a juror. I sign this petition understanding that Tillinghast stands ready to go before the Grand Jury and give testimony that will result in bringing to justice the criminals "higher up."

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Sign the above petition and send it to The Evening World or direct to Gov. Higgins at Albany.

Reasons why Tillinghast should be pardoned: He had reformed and ceased his evil practices. He is willing to testify against the criminals higher up. His imprisonment stands as an object lesson—punishment for the crime of confession. In the face of what happened to Tillinghast, who would now dare confess either knowledge or participation in jury-fixing? Let Tillinghast be freed, and other smaller criminals may turn State's evidence against the greater criminals to serve the ends of justice. His ninety-year-old mother is blind, helpless, destitute and wholly dependent upon him for support.

FATHER GAPON A RUSSIAN PRISONER

Leader's Foes Say He Arranged His Arrest to Offset Scandal Inquiry.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 12.—Father Gapon was arrested to-day on the eve of the inquiry demanded by him into the scandal involved in the charge that his labor organization was subsidized by the Government. M. Timiriazoff, Minister of Commerce,

In an interview exonerates Father Gapon from all blame, declaring that he is an idealist and a man of force and acquitting him of receiving any of the money given by the Government to M. Matushenski, Gapon's former assistant. Nevertheless his enemies intimate that Gapon arranged the arrest because he feared revelations and desired to throw dust in the eyes of his followers by giving himself the appearance of being persecuted by the Government.

ANOTHER HITCH IN THE MOROCCAN AFFAIR.

ALGERIAS, Spain, March 12.—The French delegates declare they will not accept foreign control of the Franco-Spanish police for Morocco. The Germans are firm. This makes a momentary deadlock upon the details, but a solution is considered assured, as the parties are

agreed upon the main principle involved.

Girl Dead; Doctor Arrested. LAUREL, Del., March 12.—Dr. Andrew Fleetwood was arrested here yesterday charged with causing the death of Flora Messick, aged nineteen, of Philadelphia, by criminal malpractice. He has not yet furnished \$10,000 bail demanded.

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